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SUMMARY. EMPRESA DE AGUA POTABLE DE QUITO (SEMIAUTONOMOUS LOCAL WATER UTILITY) SHOULD ISSUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AN INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSULTING SERVICES RE ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS. EMPRESA ENVISIONS 16 BILLION SUCRES (APPROX. US\$600 MILLION) OF CONTRACTION COSTS TO MEET CITY'S AND ENVIRONS' POTABLE WATER NEEDS TO THE YEAR 2020. IN THIS CONNECTION, A PROJECTED 150 MILLION SUCRES (APPROX. US\$6 MILLION) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FINAL STUDIES.

BEGIN TEXT. LOCAL PRESS RECENTLY REPORTED AND SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW WITH ING. JAIME CARRION, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF EMPRESA DE AGUA POTABLE CONFIRMED THE PLANNED INVESTMENT OF 16 BILLION SUCRES TO MEET THE POTABLE WATER NEEDS OF QUITO AND ENVIRONS TO THE YEAR 2020. REALIZATION OF THE FINAL GOAL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THREE STAGES AS FOLLOWS: STAGE ONE WILL MEET POTABLE WATER DEMAND TO THE YEAR 1985; STAGE TWO TO THE YEAR 2000; AND STAGE THREE TO 2020. THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO QUITO PROPER WILL BE INTEGRATED WITH THE PITA-TAMBO PROJECT (DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE). THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO ENVIRONS IS NOT
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ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER PROJECTS.

2. ALTHOUGH ACTUAL GROUND BREAKING IS AT LEAST ONE YEAR INTO THE FUTURE, INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF FINAL STUDIES IS EXPECTED SOON. CAMP DRESSER AND MCKEE INTERNATIONAL (U.S. COMPANY) HAS JUST COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY STUDIES AND WILL DELIVER THEM TO EMPRESA DE

AGUA POTABLE IN ABOUT A WEEK. SHORTLY THEREAFTER BIDS WILL BE INVITED FOR THE PREPARATION OF FINAL STUDIES WHICH EMPRESA WOULD LIKE TO SEE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. ESTIMATED COST OF FINAL STUDIES IS 150 MILLION SUCRES (APPROX. US\$6 MILLION). DUE TO ITS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PROJECT, ING. CARRION THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT CAMP DRESSER WOULD TRY FOR AND WIN CONTRACT FOR FINAL STUDIES, BUT THAT THIS WAS BY NO MEANS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

3. FUNDS FOR FINANCING BOTH THE FINAL STUDIES AND CONSTRUCTION ARE SOUGHT FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES. TO THIS END, LICENCIADO EFRAIN BAUS (GENERAL MANAGER OF EMPRESA DE AGUA POTABLE) AND ARQUIE DE AGUA POTABLE) AND ARQUITECTO SIXTO DURAN (MAJOR OF QUITO) RECENTLY MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. FINANCING THE WATER SUPPLY WAS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FINANCING OF OTHER MUNICIAPL IMPROVEMENTS, I.E. MARKETS, A SLAUGHTER HOUSE, AND SEWAGE FACILITIES (FURTHER INFORMATION OF THESE PROJECTS NOT YET ON HAND). THESE LATTER PROJECTS COME UNDER THE DIRECT AUSPICES OF THE EMPRESA MUNICIPAL DE DESARROLLO URBANO, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY CHARGED WITH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AREA'S MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT. EMPRESA DE AGUA POTABLE ALSO COMES UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THIS ENTITY.

4. POST DOES NOT HAVE RESULTS TO THIS MEETING, BUT WILL REPORT AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. POST WILL ALSO REPORT ANY GOE TENDERS AS THEY ARE PUBLISHED BOTH AS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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